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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee was adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 53/405 of 7 October 1998.

2. Status of preparations for the special session

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing information on the status of preparations for the special session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparations for the special session (A/AC.253/6)

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3. Preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

4. Consideration of further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee emphasized that its task, in accordance with relevant General Assembly decisions, would be to review and appraise the implementation of the outcome of the Summit, on the basis of input provided by the Commission for Social Development, and to propose concrete actions and initiatives for further implementation of the Copenhagen commitments.

The General Assembly, in its decision 53/405 on the provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee, stated the following:

> "At the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the scope for review and appraisal will be limited. Structured requests for national reports will have been sent but responses would not have been completed nor will analysis be far advanced. On the basis of the information available, including in the United Nations system, it should, however, be possible for the Secretariat to provide a preliminary assessment of achievements in and constraints on the implementation of the commitments made in Copenhagen. This should provide a basis for the consideration of further actions and initiatives.
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> "The principal subject for discussion will therefore be the identification of the specific issues and initiatives that Governments wish to have placed on the agenda of the special session. As at the Summit, discussion of the means of addressing those issues will relate to goals, strategies, policies and programmes at the national, regional and international levels.
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> "The 10 commitments agreed at the Summit, as elaborated in the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, will provide the framework for discussion."

The Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-seventh session, in February 1999, considered as one of its priority themes the initiation of the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development. The Commission had before it two reports of the Secretary-General: one containing a preliminary assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and the other on further initiatives. The Commission subsequently adopted a resolution in which it requested the Secretary-General to update these two reports for the Preparatory Committee at its first session, reflecting the proposals and suggestions made during the discussion in the Commission, as well any additional inputs submitted by Governments.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on a preliminary assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on further initiatives for the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/8)

5. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.253/L.__)

6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session

Documentation

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session